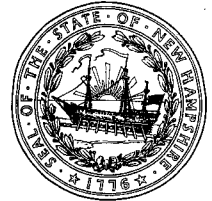




The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

July 31, 2006

Robert Belmore
City Manager
City of Somersworth
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Subject: Somersworth – Public Water System: Somersworth Water Works (EPA# 2151010)
Administrative Order No. WD 04-003

Dear Mr. Belmore:

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) issued Administrative Order No. WD 04-003 (the Order), dated February 26, 2004, to the City of Somersworth. The Order was issued in response to several violations of NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 382, *Disinfectant/Disinfection Byproducts Rule*, as determined by the results of routine testing of the City's drinking water. Item E.4 of the Order required the City to submit a long-term implementation schedule with milestone dates and a final completion date to correct the violations, which upon DES approval, would be incorporated by reference into the Order and enforceable thereunder.

On March 21, 2005, DES received a Memorandum from Wright-Pierce that set forth the "Final Compliance Schedule" for the Somersworth Water Treatment Facility project. DES staff reviewed the schedule and approved it. By way of a letter, dated May 2, 2005, the DES-approved "Final Compliance Schedule" was incorporated by reference into the Order.

It is DES's understanding that the process to award a construction contract, including actions necessary to secure project funding, took longer than the City anticipated. A construction contract has now been formally awarded to Methuen Construction Co., Inc. Because of the delays noted above, Methuen Construction cannot meet the "Final Compliance Schedule" as incorporated into the Order on May 2, 2005. As a result, the City sent DES a letter, dated July 13, 2006, setting forth an Amended Compliance Schedule. The Amended Compliance Schedule lists the following Construction Milestones and corresponding Completion Dates.

Construction Milestone	Completion Date
Phase I	June 18, 2007
Phase II	August 29, 2007
Phase III	December 31, 2007
Phase IV	April 28, 2008
Substantial Completion	April 28, 2008
Final Completion	May 28, 2008

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DES has reviewed the City's reasons for requesting an Amended Compliance Schedule, as well as the proposed Compliance Schedule itself, and finds both to be reasonable and necessary. Therefore, the Amended Compliance Schedule consisting of the Construction Milestones and corresponding Completion dates, as listed above, is incorporated into Administrative Order No. WD 04-003. Compliance with the Order shall be determined using this Amended Compliance Schedule.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at aleach@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over the word "COPY" which is printed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The signature appears to be "Alan Leach".

Alan Leach

Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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